

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 486

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
PANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY ATTACHMENT that TARGET PRACTICE will take place from STONE CUTTER'S ISLAND BATTERIES on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The direction of the FIRE will be nearly due West from Stone Cutter's Island West Battery.

All JUNKS and other VESSELS are cautioned to keep clear of the Range.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 6th October, 1888. 1684

NOTICE.

LADY DES VŒUX will in future be 'AT HOME' on MONDAYS, at Government House, instead of SATURDAYS, at Mountain Lodge, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Hongkong, Oct. 8, 1888. 1691

NOTICE.

THE R. A. MESS HOUSE, College Gardens, will be CLOSED for REPAIRS during a period of about Six Weeks. It is requested that all Letters, Parcels, &c., be sent to Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1686

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (noon) on SATURDAY, the 27th October instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited,
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1689

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kaisan*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 13th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 o'clock To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBBER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1692

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Wingang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 13th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 o'clock To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1693

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Nestor*,
Capt. THOMPSON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1651

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).
The Company's Steamship *King Kong*,
Capt. R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1683

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, VIA FOCHOW.
(Calling at QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo for ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamship *Tartar*,
Capt. HALEY, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

Attention is directed to this Steamer's comfortable Saloon and State Rooms, affording excellent Accommodation for First Class Passengers.

Fares to SYDNEY or MELBOURNE, \$160.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1687

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, VIA SINGAPORE AND JAVA.
(Taking through Cargo for ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamship *Glasgow*,
Capt. SCOTLAND, will be despatched for the above Ports.

Attention is directed to this steamer's comfortable Saloon and State Rooms, affording excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers.

Fares to Sydney or Melbourne, \$160.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1688

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship *Haiton*,
Capt. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1690

FOR KOBE.

The Steamship *Zamami*,
Port on FRIDAY, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 8, 1888. 1693

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
October 7, 1888:—
Kwongyang, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Carrier Dove, British barque, 1,026, A. Forsyth, Kobe September 16, General.

Fukin, British steamer, 609, J. Lewis, Tamsui October 4, and Amoy 6, General.

Nestor, British steamer, 1,260, J. S. Thompson, London via Penang, and Singapore October 1, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Actis, Danish steamer, 355, N. C. Revalbeck, Pakhoi and Hothow October 6, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBBER & Co.

Diamante, British steamer, 514, Cobban, Manila October 5, General.—RUSSELL & CO.

Wingang, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, Calcutta September 21, General.—JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.

Amphib, German steamer, 674, P. Moos, Manila October 3, Sugar.—WIESEN & Co.

October 8:—
Chow-chow-foo, German steamer, from Whampoa.

Alvina, German steamer, 400, John Samuelson, Pakhoi and Hothow October 7, General.—WIESEN & Co.

Yusayus, Spanish steamer, 466, D. Juan Ajubita, Amoy October 4, General.—BAS HO HONG.

DEPARTURES.
October 7:—
Fiddio, for Tientsin.

Electra, for Singapore and Hamburg.

Namoa, for Coast Ports.

Hector, for Shanghai.

Piccola, for Shanghai.

October 8:—
Phra Chula Chon Kiao, for Swatow.

Actis, for Hothow.

Satellite, British cruiser, for a cruise.

Yangtze, for Shanghai.

Freya, for Auckland and Wellington.

Kaisan, for Shanghai.

Nunes and maid, and Mr. Heighington, and 8 Chinese.

For *Diamante*, from Manila, 2 sailors, and 104 Chinese.

For *Wingang*, from Singapore, 425 Chinese.

For *Yusayus*, from Amoy, 15 Chinese.

For *Electra*, for Singapore, 1 European, and 12 Chinese.

For *Phra Chula Chon Kiao*, for Swatow, 4 Europeans, and 200 Chinese.

For *Medea*, for Hothow, 150 Chinese.

For *Yangtze*, for Shanghai, 5 Chinese.

For *Freya*, for Auckland, &c., 2 Europeans.

For *Namoa*, for Swatow, Mrs. Pollock, nurse and 4 children, Messrs. Chua Choon Khing, Mackenzie, W. C. Kuhnremer and Captain Williams; for Amoy, Messrs. F. Hompel, A. J. Cross, and Mrs. Harmon.

For *Fook Ching*, for Fochow, 4 Chinese.

For *L'Amir*, for Mantung, 9 Chinese.

For *Fukien*, for Coast Ports, 1 European, and 100 Chinese.

For *Freya*, for Tournon, 60 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British barque *Carrier Dove* reports: On September 27th, spoke *Leading Wind*, from New York, bound to Hongkong, 134 days out, lat. 21° 15' N., and long. 114° 20' E.

The British steamer *Fukien* reports: Left Tamsui on the 4th, and Amoy on the 6th instant, and experienced light N.E. to S.E. winds and fine weather throughout. In Amoy, steamer *Namkang*.

The British steamer *Nestor* reports: Had fine calm weather all the way, 4th light North-Easterly wind towards Hongkong. On 4th October, signalled Q.D.F.L. (Coast of Bremen), in lat. 10° N., long. 110° E.

The British steamer *Diamante* reports: Had light N. and N.E. winds and fine weather, with sea smooth.

The British steamer *Wingang* reports: Had moderate and fine weather throughout.

The Spanish steamer *Yusayus* reports: Had fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—

For FOCHOW.—
Per *Fook Ching*, at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 9th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS & LONDON.—
Per *Medea*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 9th inst., instead of as previously notified.

PARCEL MAIL FOR EUROPE, &c.—
Per *Baharra*, closes at 3 p.m., to-morrow.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Banawa*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For TIENTSIN & NEWCHOWANG.—
Per *Chow-chow-foo*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

For AMOY & MANILA.—
Per *Diamante*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Duway*, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Kong Beng*, at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per *Lufia*, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS, COLOMBO & BOMBAY.—
Per *Amphib*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 11th inst.

For NAAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Verna*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 12th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Packet *Baharra* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Oct., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, viz. Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Barmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be taken on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.
When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 p.m.

8.00 a.m.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars.
(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way.)

10.00 a.m.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns closes.

10.30 a.m.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns closes.

11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 a.m.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 a.m., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

Quotations.
HONGKONG, October 8.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash, 542½
" Old " " " 541½
" New Benares, cash, 540
" Old " " " 537½
" New Malwa, cash, 610
" Old Malwa, cash, 32/40
" Old Malwa, cash, 620
" Allowance, Telsa, 32/40
" Persian, Oily, cash, 540/560
" Allowance, Telsa, 8/18
" Persian, Paper tied 525/545
" Allowance, Telsa, 8/32

Temperature.
(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Barometer—9 A.M. ... 29.92
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.88
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.84
Thermometer—9 A.M. ... 80
Do. 1 P.M. ... 81
Do. 4 P.M. ... 81
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 78
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 78
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 78
Do. Maximum ... 81
Do. Minimum over night ... 78

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Falken* leaves for K'ow, &c. Noon.—*Moyne* leaves for London. 4 p.m.—*Diamante* leaves for Manila, &c.

Auctions.

5 p.m.—Auction of One Lot of Crown Land.

Miscellaneous.

4 p.m.—Target Practice at Stone Cutter's Island Batteries.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, October 10.—Meeting of The Union Ins. Co. of Canton, Ltd., at its Head Office, Hongkong.

FRIDAY, October 12.—Goods per *Lydia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Nedra* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, October 13.—Goods per *Kaisan* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Transfer Books of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, closed from this date to 27th Instant, inclusive.

SUNDAY, October 14.—Goods per *Wingang* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, October 27.—Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, October 8.

On London—
Bank, Wiro, ... 3/04
" On demand, ... 3/02
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/02
" 4 months' sight, ... 3/11
Credits, 4 ... 3/11
Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/11

On Shanghai—
On demand, ... 3.89
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 3.97
On New York—
On demand, ... 76
Credits, 60 days' sight, ... 76½
On Bombay—
On demand, ... 22½
On Calcutta—
On demand, ... 22½
On Shanghai—
On demand, ... 73½
30 days' sight, ... 73
Gold List, 100 ... 33.70
Sovereigns, ... 59.43

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

OUR NEW SEASON'S FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS ARE NOW READY.

Flower Parcels of 50 Packets, price, \$10.00
" " " " " 5.00
Vegetable " " " " " 7.50

Single Packets at list prices.

SPECIAL FLORIST'S SEEDS.
In Packets of six or more named varieties, viz.:—
CLOVE PINES—PANSIES—PHLOX—
HOLLYHOCKS—PORTULAC—VERBENA—
AND FERTUNA.

MIGNONETTE MACHEL (The New Variety).

PRICED CATALOGUE ON APPLICATION.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
30th August, 1888. 1448

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.25 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
(Via Southern Line.)

VISIT OF EMPEROR WILLIAM TO AUSTRIA.

LONDON, 5th October.
The Emperor of Germany has arrived at Vienna and been cordially received by the Emperor of Austria.

At a banquet held in His Majesty's honour, the Emperor of Austria, in his speech, dwelt upon the friendly alliance of Austria and Germany, to which the Emperor of Germany replied, warmly reciprocating the sentiments of His Majesty.

QUIET RESTORED AT SUAKIM.
Intelligence from Suakim reports that the tribes are quiet and that the garrison had been reinforced.

(From Singapore Papers.)

YELLOW FEVER IN AMERICA.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Owing to frosty weather, yellow fever is abating and the alarm subsiding.

BOCONANALAND.

London, Sept. 27.—It has been proposed by the Cape Government to annex Boconanaland.

(From the *Rangoon Gazette*.)

SALVATIONISTS IN BOMBAY.

Bombay, Sept. 20th.—Trouble between Parses and Salvationists seems inevitable. Frequent petty collisions continue to occur owing to the Salvationists having made Parses converts, and the fact that influential Parses are applying money to their funds.

A batch of fifty officers, including General Beola's daughter, now the wife of Commissioner Tucker, is expected to land to-morrow and make a demonstration on a large scale at the Novelty Theatre.

THE CASE AGAINST CAPTAIN GOGGIN.

DECISION IN FAVOUR OF THE DEFENDANT.
A telegram has been received to-day from Canton, stating that decision was given this morning by Mr. C. Alabaster, British Consul, in the case against Capt. S. W. Goggin, master

both by assay and practical test it is proved to be far below the most modest computations formerly given you of its value. Assaying only 2 cwt. it returns only 1 lb. of silver, and the rest is waste. The weight per ton is saved in the concentrates, which however have not yet all been collected. Of the richer sample the figures are not yet to hand, but I expect at least to get several pennyweights to the ton as the 30 tons of ore treated assayed 8 dwt., and the quartz was considerably mixed with barren rock. This sample was mined by the Chinese tributers and first washed by them in their ground sluices, from which they are now cleaning up. The hard rock thrown out of the sluice, amounting to nearly 30 tons, was milled by 4 head of stamps, in 6 days of 11 hrs. From the amalgam I hope to get 2 or 3 dwt. per ton, and at least an equal amount in the mineral concentrates, which when totalled with the Chinese returns will not be unsatisfactory, especially as the stuff was mined by the tributers on very advantageous terms for us. The Chairman continuing—The Chinese take the free gold and we get a share of it, a portion of which is in a small nugget here to begin with (shows nugget of gold). Our object will now be to get samples of still better quartz by carefully following and selecting the veins which are known to be richest, and the mill we are desirous of erecting, and the mill to be able to treat, such ore as will warrant extended exploration and deep mining. In compliance with your request I shall shortly arrange to pay a visit to Sungie Dun, where Mr. Scaife has I believe turned out and smelted some quantity of tin, and though I am presently unable to form any opinion as to the value of the tin, I hope soon to put you in possession of all matters relating to this late experiment in stream tin mining. I may mention that I have lately prospected some spots presently unworked but in the immediate vicinity of these mines, where both silver and quartz are auriferous and promising appearance. Though I do not incur further outside expenditure I am of opinion that it would be worth while to do something towards examining and testing these places, as in the event of Panjiong becoming the confirmed success which it promises to be, they would be ready to take up on lease or purchase by other parties, whilst in the meantime they may prove sources of profitable work at any time to ourselves. We have got eight miles square of property. It would be a Herculean task to work one tenth. I think Becker's suggestion is very sensible, but I cannot see how it can be done. It seems to me the sooner he gets men the better. We have hesitated and even now we hesitate to launch in this or any other direction until we are more confirmed as to the immediate financial future. Mr. Becker continues—It is also a possibility which I cannot see how to strongly urge for all mines to be constantly allowing a certain proportion of expenditure to exploration, so that in the failure of known sources of supply other and new ones may in all probability be discovered. Our first small bar of bullion went forward a few days ago, and I have no doubt but that it will be of great weight. All the concentrates which we can collect shall be sent out of the country before the post closes. Hoping to give you more conclusive reports of better returns shortly, I remain gentlemen &c.

The Chairman (continuing)—This is not altogether my conclusion as we had wished for, but I think the gentleman present will admit that we have a business man representing us down there. This letter shows he has an intimate and intelligent knowledge of his work and that he is to be trusted. I have no doubt but that he is a man of his word. Some of us have had some experience of him for a long time, and we have never had occasion to doubt his trustworthiness, and that is two-thirds of the battle. If I really did not think as much of him as I did in that respect I would almost hesitate to allow him to have the work and the other half of any other capital. As it is I should scarcely think there is much fear about it. However I am only indicating the necessity of fresh capital. In the meantime it is not our purpose to propose it. Notice has been given of this. If fresh capital is required it will be raised and it will be done at a meeting called for the purpose. You know all we know about the whole business, you must just come to your own conclusions. Before passing the accounts, I should be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Coughtrie—I suppose you have written to reassure the management that it will be at his disposal for the next four months.

The Chairman—Oh yes, we have got the money in hand to go on with for the next six months as we are going on now, in full operation. Of course it would not be judicious for the Company to go on till the last cent was gone and then have to call for more to give notice now to bring things to a standstill in a reasonable and saving manner. You see it will be two or three weeks before we get word of what Mr. Becker's latest assay will be, and as we expect it will be a conclusive report I think it will be better if we wait for this before coming to a definite conclusion. You see if we get fresh capital we should do so under the most encouraging circumstances it is possible to bring about, and if we wait for Mr. Becker's letter and it gives us more confidence it will be a great help to us in the future.

Hon. P. Ryrie—Perhaps I misunderstood you, Mr. Chairman, but did you say he had not pumping machinery?

The Chairman—He has got pumping machinery.

Mr. Ryrie—How is it that there is such a large sum required to be spent on it?

Mr. Leigh—I should say it must be a very small item to send down a pump that would give him a fifty feet lift instead of a thirty feet one.

The Chairman—It is not the pump that matters so much as the steam power. You can't work a fifty feet pump with your little finger.

Mr. Leigh—But he requires steam power for the present pump.

The Chairman—Only a very small boiler. It is a six-horse boiler, and you will never work such a pump as he wants on that. We directors here are conversant with all these things, and we are asked, we have got to wait till we are asked. It was indicated six months ago that we were wanted to work deep we would require to get a good heavy pump of six or eight inches diameter.

Mr. Leigh—How about the water wheel, is it doing nothing now?

The Chairman—Yes, and I am afraid it will remain doing nothing. Mr. Stewart ordered it on his own responsibility without any reference to us at all and he did not

even take the trouble to measure the height of his workings for it. Of course if we should have had it now, it is required but it would require also to be paid for.

Mr. Leigh—You have got \$2,000 left, I think, and the expenses run to six thousand a month. I think we had better run what comes of it. We heard nothing about the pump before. I think you mentioned the subject of fresh capital, but in the immediate future what are you going to do?

The Chairman—Yes, but in the meantime he suggests the purchase of the pump. There is no necessity for immediate capital.

Mr. Leigh—What is to be done with the six thousand a month?

The Chairman—Well, it is costing six thousand a month now.

Mr. Leigh—Is it no use going on without that pump?

The Chairman—I dare say it is, but it is probably a good deal of waste taking poor stuff until he has got down deeper. You see what the man says as plainly as I do.

Mr. Coughtrie—It seems to me the money is going to be spent to test nutritious workings.

Mr. Leigh—Well, if you can do it with the capital you have in hand.

The Chairman—Not with the capital we have in hand.

Mr. Leigh—But if we remit him this money, what if after we remit him there are no more nutritious workings?

The Chairman—No results.

Mr. Leigh—Yes, then I suppose it will be finished.

The Chairman—Well, I can't say I see any objection to what you say.

Mr. Coughtrie—I presume the money will be spent during the next six months in testing the value of the deep workings.

The Chairman—There are no deep workings at all, he can't follow them.

Mr. Woodin—You can't go deeper without a proper pump.

Mr. Gillies—The mere question of the pump is very important to all that.

The Chairman—If the shareholders wish Mr. Becker to go on in the way he is going, it will be necessary for them within a few months to provide some more money, not necessarily much. Then he must be written to as you direct. If you think Mr. Becker ought to be written to the last of the \$25,000, you can address him to that effect. There is no doubt about that, it is quite simple. Some one remarked that \$100,000 could be issued. It is so provided for, and I may, I think, remark that its being required must have been in contemplation by the directors, and I know that if they would have made any such provision they would not expect it would be wanted. It is wanted, and now under that provision we suggest it should be raised. It need not be raised immediately nor in large sums, and it need never reach \$100,000, though I know that it is only thought right to mention this matter just now for consideration; it is not for decision just now at all. I think it would be well that the shareholders should think over it for a week or two. Their opinion will be ours; we have no wish to press the shareholders into any engagement that we may think best. If all the questions in connection with this report are put I propose that it shall be passed.

Mr. Reuter seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. L. Woodin was re-elected a director on the motion of Mr. Coughtrie, seconded by Mr. Gower.

Mr. Macdonald proposed the re-election of Mr. Brodie, which was seconded by Mr. Murray and unanimously agreed to.

The re-election of Mr. T. E. Davies was proposed by Mr. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Leigh, and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. R. T. Hall, seconded by Mr. Tomlin, Mr. F. Henderson and Mr. G. S. Coxon were re-appointed auditors.

Hon. P. Ryrie—If a pump is required, could not one be got from the Dock Company?

Mr. Gillies said he thought the Dock Company could supply a pump, sufficient for all events for the present needs.

The Chairman—I think you for your attendance. There is nothing more to say from this side. I do hope and believe that we will have a report from Mr. Becker as we wait as in proceeding that will give us a glimpse of expectations and put you into a state of mind that you will not grudge to subscribe what is wanted. The money will not be wanted suddenly, and it was not an unlooked for thing. There are only 10 days of stamps, no pumps there, no such plant was contemplated as a full report. If money was lost in the past at least it need not be squandered in the future.

HONGKONG BIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The shooting for the 4th Spoon competition at 600 yards took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., with the following results:—

Col. Fricker, the winner, the scoring of the other members was indifferent. Full scores are subjoined:—

	Total.
Col. Sergt. Fricker	3454545
Col. S. C. Prichard	4201553
Col. E. L. Woodin	2531208
Col. G. S. Coxon	2364222
Col. P. C. W. Robertson	2544203
Sergt. Fowler	4232324
Col. C. Ford	2043523
P. O. W. J. Warnock	2424205
Inspector Quinny	3240225
Col. Sergt. Phillips	2200453
Col. W. G. Murray	2200234
Sergt. McDonald	0250033
Sergt. Main	0005232
P. O. A. Watson	0022420
P. C. F. McNab	2053300
Mr. D. H. Lee	2200024
Mr. A. H. Lee	0202020

Previous Winners handicapped 3 points. Carbine allowed 2 points.

THE CANTON CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND RIVER STEAMERS.

CHARGE AGAINST THE CAPTAIN OF THE "FATHAN."

A Consular Court was held at Canton on Saturday for the purpose of dealing with a charge made at the instance of Mr. F. White, Commissioner of Customs, against Stephen William Goggin, master of the H. C. S. S. "Fathán," a river steamer. Captain Goggin had presented a written paper purporting to be a true manifest of the cargo on board the "Fathán," which manifest was not true, but in some respects false.

The alleged errors in the manifest referred to a quantity of opium found on board the "Fathán" by the Customs officials, also to 25 cases of dried fish which were not entered in the manifest and were not on board.

Mr. Chaloner Alabaster, H. B. M. Consul, presided, and Mr. F. White, Commissioner of Customs, and Mr. H. B. Butler, German Consul, occupied seats on the Bench.

Mr. Spinnery, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, prosecuted on behalf of the Customs, and Mr. F. White, Commissioner of Customs, acted as counsel for the defendant.

Mr. Spinnery said he was an employee of H. B. M. the Emperor of China, and he prosecuted on behalf of the Commissioner, Mr. F. White. He charged Capt. Goggin of the "Fathán" with presenting a false manifest, on the 18th September, of the cargo on board that steamer, thereby rendering himself liable to a penalty of £500. Before proceeding with his case he wished to know what was the proper course of procedure to be followed.

The Consul said that Mr. Spinnery would call his witnesses and then sum up. The Attorney General would then follow with his case, and if after the defence was closed, Mr. Spinnery wished to call rebutting evidence he would be permitted to do so, but he would not be allowed to make any comment on the case for the defence.

R. J. White, tide waiter, was then called. He said on the 18th September I boarded the "Fathán" off Tiger Island, about 10 miles from Canton, and on arrival in Canton, about 8.30 a.m. Before I searched I handed the 15 tons which had been found by Mr. White, and the 25 cases of the ballast tanks. I had no information, but I had received an intimation. I applied to have the ballast tanks opened, and in the afternoon I found two packages each containing ten tons. The water in the tank was about up to a man's breast. I informed the Consul of the result of my search. I handed the result to Mr. Stephens, who is in charge of the confiscated goods.

Cross-examined by the Attorney General—You say you did not receive information, but an intimation; what is the distinction?—Well, information you pay money for. I received the intimation from the tide waiter. You mean by information, then, something you have to pay for from outside, and by intimation something received from another officer?—Yes.

What was the officer's name from whom you received the intimation?—Mr. May.

If anyone gives you information I would go to him first?—Yes.

Does he pay for this information?—I do not know.

You had orders from him what to do?—Yes, I was instructed before I went on board that we were to make a search.

He told you to go to the tide waiter and get your searching the tanks?—None whatever.

Have you ever searched this tank before?—Not this particular one.

Why have you not searched it before?—That is for me to say.

Is it in that I want you to say?—I can't answer it. It has not suited me to search it before.

Is that your answer, then?—I have to search what I like. I am paid to do that.

You are not paid to do as you like, you are paid to do your duty. Why did you not go on board and search the tank?—I never occurred to you before to search it. I never been long in the service—I have been in it for seventeen years.

And you have never found opium in the tank?—No, I have never found it.

Then why have you never searched in this case?—It was not the same ship.

What is the difference?—Well, some people are not so careful as others. (Laughter.) You do not think, then, in this case they are so careful as on board other ships?—Yes, they were never any marks on the tanks before.

What marks were there here?—It was wet all over and there were foot-marks round it.

Yet the tank was fastened down?—So much so that the carpenter had to use his tools to get it open.

Walter Stebbins, examiner in the Customs, said—I am in charge of the preventive department. I take over all goods that are seized. On the morning of the 18th September I received 36 tons of opium which had been seized on board the "Fathán." I weighed it and found it to be of the weight of 36 tons. Since then I have sold the opium. It realised £4 1/2 a piece per catty.

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